

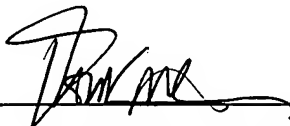
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application, wherein claims 1-18 have been amended to place such claims in conventional U.S. claim format. Such amendments do not constitute narrowing claim amendments nor amendments made for reasons related to patentability, nor does the above amendment add new matter. Consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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